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Miss Toni Strassman
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Dear Miss Strassman:

Noise in our society has ssumed the proportions of a disease. I know I can prove this with chickens, and I believe I can prove it with people. For this reason and because of the obvious dishonesty involved in publicity favorable to a proposal for Federal financing of a supersonic commercial transport, I wrote the enclosed piece for the Sunday section of the Washington Post.

I withdrew it because of other circumstances. The Post wanted to make revelation of a long series of unfortunate overflights of our property by military helicopters, together with the damage inflicted by sonic booms, and I felt this is very much against our interest because the Defense Department is trying to arrange an amicable settlement. We have very much involved in this.

I do not believe, as the Post does, that it is necessary to tell this story to accredit me. I also do not believe that, outside of the Post, the story is usable in its present form.. I am sending it to you essentially to give you an idea of a story that can be told and that I think it is in the national interest to tell. What do you think? In this connection, one of the ranking British officials concerned with the development of the Concorde supersonic transport said last night that, flying at 30,000 feet, it was certain to shatter windows and under some meteorological conditions would break them at 50,000 feet. He, too, believes it might become an economic disaster. And remember, he is dealing with a plane both smaller and slower than the American project. As a consequence, the American planeis guaranteed a more powerful "boom".

I am sorry that you never got to see us during the summer as you indicated you might. Not only do I think you would have enjoyed what we could have shown you, but since speaking to you we have developed what I think would make a beautiful television commercial for almost any non-meat human food. We have a flock of wild geese that we have trained to eat from people's hands without biting... mother, father and five young. They are colorful, perform interesting motions, chatter as they eat, and are quite attractive. We also have a very tame young white Emden gosling named Oskar H. Pumpernickle who is quite a ham. Oskar, I believe, could be persuaded to sign a contract such as with AFTRA and I think this would make a good picture that might get wide use. We carry a separate insurance policy on Oskar.

If you have any opinions or thoughts, I would like very much to hear from you, especially with respect to the goose idea.

Sincerely yours,